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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 5 are amended by this amendment. No new matter is introduced by the amendments, which find support throughout the specification and figures. In particular, the amendments are supported in figure 1 by elements 14. It is respectfully submitted that the Amendments do not require additional search and/or simplify issues for appeal, and it is consequently respectfully requested that the Amendments be entered. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed on April 20, 2004, in the next communication to the Applicants. A courtesy copy of the IDS is enclosed with this Amendment.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Publication No. 2003/0819912 A1 to et al. (hereinafter referred to as). Initially, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection does not indicate precisely the basis of the rejection of claims 6 and 7, though these claims are addressed in the detailed description of the rejection. Applicants assume for the sake of this response that claims 6 and 7 are rejected based on Laitinen, but clarification is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection based on Laitinen. Claim 1 relates to a method of handover in a multimode mobile telecommunication network in which, to initiate a handover, the network sends to a mobile terminal a first group of system information via a first channel associated with circuit switching services and a second group of system information via a second channel associated with packet switching services. The method of claim 1 includes, *inter alia*, performing measurements at least in one neighboring cell on a basis of information

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contained in the second group of system information, and sending to the network the measurements performed in step a). The method according to amended claim 1 also includes performing measurements at least in one further neighboring cell on the basis of the information contained in the second group of system information, and further sending to the network the measurements performed in this step. In amended claim 1, *the further sending operation is performed in a message distinct from the sending operation.*

It is respectfully submitted that does not disclose the feature of a network sending to the mobile terminal the first group of system information for each neighboring cell in a distinct message. The feature of performing measurements in at least one additional neighboring cell, and sending to the network the measurements performed in the cell in a distinct message from the transmission of the measurements performed in the at least one neighboring cell is not disclosed in Laitinen. Support for this feature may be found in figure 1 showing the individual GPRS transmissions 14 from the MS to the BSS. In contrast, in Laitinen, the measurement report is shown in a single message, as illustrated in figure 2, block D. The accompanying description in Laitinen discusses:

Block D, where the MS 100 reports the 3G cells, uses a **MEASUREMENT REPORT message** that reflects a value of the received 3G_BA_IND information element. The MS 100 may also report the 3G cells using an **ENHANCED MEASUREMENT REPORT message** that reflects a value of the received 3G_BA_IND information element.

(Laitinen; para. 60; emphasis added). Since Laitinen does not disclose or suggest distinct messages for the measurement reports for individual neighboring cells, Laitinen does not disclose all of the features of amended claim 1. Therefore, amended claim 1 is allowable over the reference.

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Claims 2-4 and 6 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 is allowable.

Claim 5 recites a feature similar to claim 1 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 is allowable.

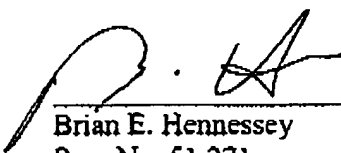
Claim 7 depends from claim 5 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 5 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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